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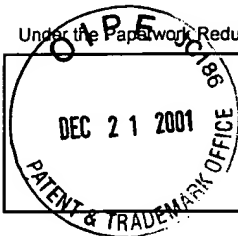
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This is a request for a (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/284,935 filed on May 3, 1999, entitled BENEFICIAL MICROORGANISM PROPAGATION-PROMOTING MATERIAL AND A PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an International application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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- ☒ A preliminary amendment to follow shortly.
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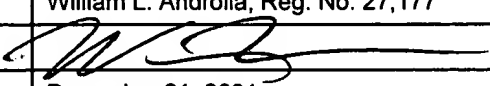
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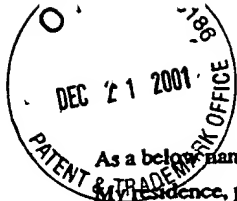
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As a below-named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **BENEFICIAL MICROORGANISM PROPAGATION-PROMOTING MATERIAL AND A PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE** the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked: SAME

☒ was filed on 04/21/1999 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/284,935 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or Inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the appropriate line, any foreign application for patent or Inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING			PRIORITY CLAIMED
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Japan	225296/1997	08	21	1997	YES <u>X</u> NO _____ YES _____ NO _____ YES _____ NO _____ YES _____ NO _____

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE

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PCT/JP98/03719	08/21/1998	Pending

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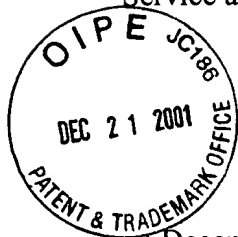
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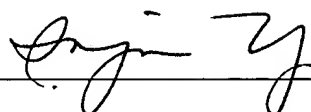
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